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Application No.: 10/662,544

Filing Date: 09/15/2003

Applicant: Stefan Deferme

Group Art Unit: 3683

Examiner: Douglas C. Butler

Title: MONOTUBE PISTON VALVING SYSTEM WITH  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2005, Paper No./Mail Date  
02012005, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35  
U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a shock absorber with piston, classified in class 188, subclass 322.15.
- II. Claims 21-27, drawn to method for controlling flow, classified in class 188, subclass 266.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Invention I defined by Claims 1-20. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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